Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/700,167, filed 11/09/2000 by Gregory H. Lambrecht et al. for CARDIAC VALVE PROCEDURE METHODS AND DEVICES, which in turn claims priority to PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US00/02126, filed January 27, 2000 by Viacor Incorporated for CARDIAC VALVE PROCEDURE METHODS AND DEVICES, which in turn claims priority to (1) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/117,599, filed January 27, 1999, (2) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/152,135, filed August 25, 1999, and (3) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/161,934, filed October 28, 1999. The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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